

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3397

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require that contributions to candidates in odd-numbered years be from individuals only.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 1996

Mr. BARTON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

A BILL

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require that contributions to candidates in odd-numbered years be from individuals only.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES IN ODD-NUM-**
4 **BERED YEARS TO BE FROM INDIVIDUALS**
5 **ONLY.**

6 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
7 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new subsection:

9 “(i) A candidate for Federal office may not, with re-
10 spect to a regularly scheduled general election and any pri-

1 mary election related to such general election, accept any
 2 contribution in an odd-numbered year from any source
 3 other than an individual.”.

4 **SEC. 2. TIME LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF MULTICAN-**
 5 **DIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE CONTRIBU-**
 6 **TIONS TO CANDIDATES.**

7 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 8 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by section 1, is fur-
 9 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 10 section:

11 “(j) A candidate for Federal office may not, with re-
 12 spect to a regularly scheduled general election and any pri-
 13 mary election related to such general election, accept any
 14 contribution from a multicandidate political committee be-
 15 fore the earlier of (1) the 90th day before the primary
 16 election, or (2) May 1 of the election year.”.

17 **SEC. 3. PROPORTIONAL LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF**
 18 **MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE**
 19 **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES.**

20 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 21 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by sections 1 and
 22 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following
 23 new subsection:

24 “(k) A candidate for Federal office may not, with re-
 25 spect to a reporting period for an election, accept contribu-

1 tions from multicandidate political committees totaling in
2 excess of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total of contributions accepted from
3 individuals, except that a candidate who is not an incum-
4 bent of the office involved may accept contributions from
5 multicandidate political committees totaling not more than
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total of contributions accepted from individ-
7 uals.”.

8 **SEC. 4. REDUCTION IN MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE CONTRIBU-**
9 **TION BY A MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL**
10 **COMMITTEE.**

11 Section 315(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Election Cam-
12 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)) is amended
13 by striking out “\$5,000” and inserting in lieu thereof
14 “\$4,000”.

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